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***"AN ACT CONCERNING GROUPS COVERED UNDER THE STATE
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN AND ASSOCIATION GROUP PLANS."***

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- 1 In line 6, before "individuals" insert "uninsured individuals,"
 - 2 In line 11, before "eligible" insert "uninsured individual,"
 - 3 In line 29, after "," and before "retired" insert "uninsured individual,"
 - 4 In line 36, strike "Employee" and substitute "Employees" in lieu
 - 5 thereof
 - 6 In line 37, strike "Plan" and substitute "Program" in lieu thereof
 - 7 In line 38, after "employees" insert ", uninsured individuals"
 - 8 In line 75, strike "and"
 - 9 In line 77, after "system" and before the period insert "; and (H)
 - 10 "uninsured individual" means an individual who has no access to
 - 11 employer-sponsored or government-sponsored health insurance"

12 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
13 internal references accordingly:

14 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this section:

15 (1) "Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner; and

16 (2) "Ineligible population" means (A) part-time employees, seasonal
17 employees and independent contractors who are not eligible to
18 participate in a group health insurance policy offered by an employer
19 or in any other group health insurance policy, as determined by the
20 commissioner, and (B) retired employees under the age of sixty-five
21 who are not eligible to participate in a group health insurance policy
22 offered by a former employer or in any other group health insurance
23 policy, as determined by the commissioner.

24 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 700c of the general
25 statutes, the Insurance Commissioner may approve any group health
26 insurance policy or certificate which does not contain all the minimum
27 coverages or benefits set forth in chapter 700c of the general statutes,
28 provided such policy or certificate is approved only for issue to the
29 ineligible population in this state.

30 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Not later than January
31 1, 2006, the Insurance Commissioner, in consultation with the
32 Commissioner of Social Services and the Healthcare Advocate, shall
33 develop a comprehensive public education outreach program to
34 educate health insurance consumers about the availability and general
35 eligibility requirements of various health insurance options in this
36 state. The program shall maximize public information concerning
37 health insurance options in this state and shall provide for the
38 dissemination of such information on the Insurance Department's
39 Internet web site.

40 (b) The information on the department's Internet web site shall
41 reference the availability and general eligibility requirements of (1)
42 programs administered by the Department of Social Services,

43 including, but not limited to, the Medicaid program, the HUSKY Plan,
44 Part A and Part B, and the state-administered general assistance
45 program, (2) health insurance coverage provided by the Comptroller
46 under subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes, (3) health
47 insurance coverage available under comprehensive health care plans
48 issued pursuant to part IV of chapter 700c of the general statutes, and
49 (4) other health insurance coverage offered through local, state or
50 federal agencies or through entities licensed in this state. The
51 commissioner shall update the information on the web site at least
52 quarterly.

53 Sec. 503. Subsection (k) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
54 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
55 *October 1, 2005*):

56 (k) The Comptroller shall submit annually to the General Assembly
57 a review of the coverage of employees of municipalities, nonprofit
58 corporations, community action agencies, small employers under
59 subsection (i) of this section and eligible individuals under subsection
60 (i) of this section beginning February 1, 2004, and uninsured
61 individuals beginning February 1, 2007."